GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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DESILTING OF DRAINS AND SEWER LINES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `MCD drags feet over desilting, waterlogged monsoon likely` appearing in `The Times of India` dated May 01, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein; and

(c) the action the Government has taken or propose to take to ensure that there is no water logging on the roads or in the colonies, particularly in Government residential colonies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The news-item mentions about the water logging, disruption of traffic and inconvenience to pedestrians during monsoon season. It refers to the likely delay in desilting of drains/sewer lines by MCD, NDMC, DJB etc in the city of Delhi.

The MCD, NDMC, Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and PWD have informed that they have already prepared plans for de-silting and cleaning of storm water drains. The MCD has already started work on de-silting of 1333 drains during the month of March, 2002 and the de-silting work is likely to be completed by 15th June, 2002. The DJB has also started the work with effect from 1st April, 2002 targetted to be completed by June, 2002. It has already de-silted 1257 Km. Length of sewer lines till 30th April, 2002. In order to avoid water logging, the MCD has also madearrangements for electric generator sets in every pump house to augment power supply in case of power break-down.